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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY BUTZ

1. UNLESS EMBASSIES HAVE OBJECTION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PLANS RELEASE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT AT NOON, THURSDAY, JUNE 5:

QUOTE: SECRETARY BUTZ SCHEDULES TRAVEL TO VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL:

WASHINGTON, JUNE5 --SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL L. BUTZ  
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WILL BE IN SOUTH AMERICA JUNE 17-25 FOR A CONFERENCE OF

U.S. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, AND MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN BRAZIL. HE WILL VISIT BRASILIA, SAO PAULO, AND RIO DE JANEIRO.

THE CONFERENCE IN CARACAS WILL INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES ASSIGNED TO AMERICAN EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA. OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE WILL BE IN CARACAS FOR THAT CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE REPORTS FROM THE ATTACHES AND BRIEFINGS BY SECRETARY BUTZ AND OTHER WASHINGTON OFFICIALS.

THE SECRETARY WILL ALSO MEET WITH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT

OFFICIALS. VENEZUELA IS A GROWING MARKET FOR US FARM PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY GRAINS. IN CALENDAR YEAR 1974, IT IMPORTED \$323 MILLION WORTH OF US AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND EXPORTED \$35 MILLION IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN BRAZIL, SECRETARY BUTZ WILL CONFER ON A RANGE OF SUBJECTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. BRAZIL IS BOTH A MAJOR CUSTOMER AND SUPPLIER OF THE UNITED STATES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR LARGE INCREASES IN FARM PRODUCTION. IN THE CURRENT MARKETING YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, BRAZIL WILL SUPPLY 30 PERCENT OF WORLD SOY-BEAN EXPORTS.

BRAZIL'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES EXCEED \$1 BILLION A YEAR, ESPECIALLY COFFEE, SUGAR, AND COCOA. ITS IMPORTS OF U.S. FARM PRODUCTS AMOUNTED TO \$240 MILLION IN CALENDAR YEAR 1974. UNQUOTE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF NO OBJECTION PLEASE PASS TEXT TO APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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